

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy and Janet Smith. Others present were Chief Art Reed, Fran Lane, Amy Sununu, Reuben Hull, John Raczek and Wendy Chase.

Chief Reed will close Summer Street from 11:00am to 4:00pm due to the parade activities at the Hilton field. There will be "no parking" signs along the field side of the Street.

Chief Reed informed the Board that the painting is finished in the Police Department. The bills will be charged against the building maintenance line.

The Police Department may need electrical work done. Chief Reed will have an electrician look into it.

Melissa will call to have the carpets cleaned in the Police Department and the Selectmen's Office.

The Chief informed the Selectmen that there was a bike race over the past weekend with no police detail coverage.

Fran presented a corrected 1<sup>st</sup> page of the Gilmore Conservation Easement amendment. Janet signed the document and Wendy signed as Justice of the Peace. Wendy was directed to hold the document until the town was in receipt of the \$1,000.00 due from the Silversteins for legal fee reimbursements.

Fran discussed the property located on tax map 209 lot 14 where the Grist Mill once stood. The property is now before the court petitioned by Les Case to request quiet title. It was determined that the Town of Newfields does not own the property. Fran will write a letter to the Planning Board informing them that the proposed subdivision can not go forward until the land issue is resolved

Amy Sununu was in to discuss the Memorial Day Parade. Amy explained to the Board that the Celebration Committee would like to charge town organizations a one time fee of \$25.00 if the organization makes \$150.00 or more in profit at a Celebration Committee event. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea.

Amy informed the Board that Gayle Lucauw will be donating a very large American Flag that once flew over Gettysburg in memory of her late husband Harold "Luke" Lucauw to the town. Mrs. Lucauw is willing to purchase a pole to hold the flag. Amy will contact Mrs. Lucauw and get more information.

Amy informed the Selectmen that the cover over the Bell at Badger Park is in need of new shingles. Mike Sununu and Win Fream have volunteered to replace the shingles if the Selectmen would like.

Reuben Hull informed the Selectmen that the sidewalk grant applications are due at the end of July. He is working on them.

Reuben presented information on Dura Therm which is a decorative asphalt surfacing system designed specifically for high-traffic crosswalks. The front walkway to the Town Hall must be ADA compliant by January 1, 2006. This material is less expensive than brick and less expensive to maintain. Reuben will discuss with Brian Knipstein for his opinion.

Reuben presented his May Town Planner Report to the Board. He informed the Board that he will have scheduled hours at the Town Office on Thursdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm to be available to the public and to reorganize the Planning Board files.

Reuben informed the Board that William Meserve will be the second Newfields representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission. Wendy will contact RPC and inform them.

Reuben spoke to Tom Clark the Building Inspector for the City of Dover. They are having similar issues with Guilford Railways with unauthorized work trailers. Reuben has written them a letter to have their work trailer located on Old Route 108 removed within 30 days.

John Raczek was in to get information on the Clark property on Ash Swamp Road. The Selectmen informed him that the scheduled site walk has been postponed until August 2005. Mr. Raczek informed the Board that he is concerned with environmental issues on the Clark property which abuts his property.

Reuben updated the Board on the Route 108 Campground Store's septic system design. The Contractor contacted the State Septic Design Inspector for approval and did not realize Rockingham Conservation District inspects for the Town. The State Inspector will meet with Mike Cuomo of the Rockingham Conservation District to go over the septic design and report back to the Planning Board.

The Selectmen signed the Tax Warrant for July 2005.

James informed the Board that he inspected the trees that Brian Knipstein marked out on Halls Mill Road. James is definite that 7 of the 8 trees marked are dead. Janet will take a look at the trees.

A complaint of people dumping debris at the end of Old Lee Road was discussed. Wendy will contact Debbie Averill and ask if permission was given to any one to dump on her property.

James will email Fran and ask him to draft a letter to the Clarks on Ash Swamp Road. Wendy was directed to send Joe Clark a letter informing him that they have granted his extension request to August 2005 for the site walk on his property. She will enclose a list of registered vehicles and ask him to add all other vehicles on the lot to the list prior to the August site walk.

The NOAA grant information was reviewed.

The Salt Shed agreement was reviewed. James will contact David Dwyer in regards to the salt shed easement. The Water & Sewer Commissioners are scheduled to come to the Selectmen's meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

HAVA information was reviewed. Janet will look into it on the website.

Wolfe Tone will be attending a June Selectmen's meeting to update the Board on the Piscassic Greenway project.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2005, Janet seconded and all were in favor.

The Budget Advisory Committee was discussed. Janet made a motion to appoint Win Fream as a Committee member, James seconded and all were in favor. Wendy was directed to write Win a letter informing him of the appointment. Wendy was also directed to write a letter to Betsy Coes thanking her for her interest in the Town.

The discussion on a public hearing for the spring and fall cleanups was tabled.

The Board received a copy of the Trust for Public Land's new report, Managing Growth: The Impact of Conservation and Development on Property Taxes in New Hampshire. The report was prepared by Deborah Brighton, a noted New England based expert in the field of tax policy analysis. The report is very informative.

James made a motion to adjourn at 9:55pm, Janet seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase